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23.11.26. Lena brought a chair and put it close beside Miss **D/s**, saying to her, with a confidential air, "We're in a ship, aren't we—a cosy little ship."

November 1926. This term several of the older children have made what they call "secret places", with an arrangement of tables and curtains, each beside his own cupboard. No one is allowed to go to these but the owner, save by invitation.

31.1.27. Jessica carried two chairs and put their backs to the sides of the chair she was sitting in. She climbed in and called out gleefully, "I'm in a cosy." Seeing Conrad hold up a stick as a gun, Jessica held her hands as if she had a gun. She bent down to Phlneas who was sitting near and said, "I won't fight *you*, Phineas," but pretended to take aim at Conrad, and quivered all over with the intensity of her attitude.

Presently she took her hands down, and began, singing to herself, "It's dead and gone for now, for now."

October 1927. Conrad had nightmare, in which he called out while still asleep, "Oh mummy, mummy, give me a hole to put my finger in."